



**FOOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**  
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**GRADING/CERTIFICATION FEES – January 1, 2016**

**MDA/USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GRADING**

**Non Contract Shipping Point Inspection Fees** - \$41.00 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to inspection site. Hourly overtime rate of \$45.00 for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at \$.54 per mile.

**GAP/GHP Audits** - \$92.00 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to inspection site. USDA administrative fee of \$50.00 for initial audit.

**Contract for Shipping Point** - \$1,520.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Hourly overtime rate of \$42.00 if the grader works in excess of eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at \$.54 per mile.

**MDA/USDA MEAT GRADING**

**Meat Fee Grading** - Fees as established by USDA/AMS Meat Grading & Certification Branch. Hourly rate \$71.00. Premium (hours over 8 per day between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM, all hours between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM, all hours on Saturday and Sunday) - \$78.00 per hour. Holiday (Federal legal holidays) - \$122.00 per hour. Mileage at \$.54 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

**MDA/USDA POULTRY AND SHELL EGG GRADING**

**Contract for Resident Poultry /Shell Egg Grading** - \$1,680.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Overtime rate of \$45.00 charged for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. For work performed during a designated night shift, an additional \$.625 per hour will be charged. Additional administrative volume charges as established by USDA-AMS: \$.058 per case of shell eggs; \$.00047 per pound of poultry received. Minimum administrative fee per monthly billing period is \$275.00 with a maximum of \$3,225.00.

**Poultry/Shell Egg Fee Grading** - Fees as established by USDA/AMS Poultry Programs. Hourly rate \$77.28. Hourly overtime rate of \$93.24 for over eight (8) hours per day and all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays. Mileage at \$.54 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

**Audits** – Fees as established by USDA/AMS Poultry Programs. Hourly rate is \$89.20. Hourly overtime rate of \$116.08 for over eight (8) hours per day and all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays. Mileage at \$.54 per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

**OTHER MDA CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

**Controlled Atmospheric Storage Inspection** - \$40.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at \$.54 per mile.

**Maryland Egg Quality Assurance Program audits** - \$42.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at \$.54 per mile.

**Organic Certification** - Producers and handlers - \$500.00 annual fee (Non refundable after inspection). Exempt registration - \$30.00 annual fee.

**USDA Designated Grain Inspection Agency** – Contract \$35.00 per hour, overtime and holidays \$40.00 per hour. Non contract \$40.00 per hour including travel time, overtime and holidays \$45.00 per hour. Grade and factor submitted sample - \$15.00. Mycotoxin tests - \$30.00 per test. FGIS supervision fee of \$.061 per metric ton inspected and/or weighed. Mileage for non contract at \$.54 per mile.

**Rabbit and Poultry Slaughter and Processing Certification** – USDA/FSIS inspection exempt - \$75.00 annual fee.